

# **National Vaccine Advisory Committee**

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# NVAC: Recent Accomplishments

- Working Group Activities:
  - Vaccine Finance
  - Vaccine Safety
  - Adult Immunizations
- NVAC participation in the National Vaccination Plan development

# NVAC: Current Agenda (1)

- Continued discussion of NVAC's role.
- Discussion of implementation plan for Adolescent Working Group (WG) recommendations adopted 6/08.
- Discussion and provisional vote on the Vaccine Finance WG recommendations, and one Adolescent WG finance recommendation not included therein.
- Reports from the new Vaccine Safety Working Group and Adult Working Group.

# NVAC: Current Agenda (2)

- National Vaccine Plan
- Parental and provider views on immunization
- AMA Adult Vaccine Financing Report
- Vaccine supply and stockpile issues
- Immunization Information Systems issues
- Hospital Acquired Infections Task Forces update
- Influenza update
- Agency updates

# NVAC: Future Priorities

- Assure a strong, continued commitment to the national immunization effort
- Advise during transition

# **Title XXI – Vaccines**

## **Public Health Service Act**

### **National Vaccine Program**

- Section 2102 National Vaccine Program Responsibilities
  - 1) Vaccine Research
  - 2) Vaccine Development
  - 3) Safety and efficacy testing of vaccines
  - 4) Licensing of vaccine manufacturers and vaccines
  - 5) Production and procurement of vaccines
  - 6) Distribution and use of vaccines
  - 7) Evaluating the need for, the effectiveness, and adverse effects of vaccines and immunization activities
  - 8) Coordinating governmental and non-governmental activities
  - 9) Funding of federal agencies

# Title XXI: National Vaccine Program

- S.2103 – Vaccine Plan: establish the priorities in research, development of new vaccines, optimal use of resources, etc...
- S.2104 – National Vaccine Program Annual Report to Congress
  - Repealed as part of Federal Reports Elimination Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-362)
- S.2105 – National Vaccine Advisory Committee

# Section 2105 – NVAC

NVAC shall recommend:

- ways to encourage the adequate supply of safe and effective vaccines,
- research priorities and other measures to enhance the safety and efficacy of vaccines,
- on the implementation of secs 2102, 2102, 2103
- And, identify annually for NVP the most important areas of government and non-government cooperation in implementing sections 2102 and 2103.



# NVAC: Future Priorities

- Assure a strong, continued commitment to the national immunization effort
- Advise during transition
- Carry out the mandates of Title XXI
- Participate in the development of the National Vaccine Plan
- Study of NVAC's effectiveness
- Improve processes for stakeholder input and public engagement

# Discussion of Strengthening NVAC's Role

- “State of the Program” report by end of 2008;
- List of recent recommendations and their status; post on Website;
- Coordinate with NVPO on transition to new administration;
- Review make-up of NVAC to assure stakeholder input;
- Review recommendations from evaluation of NVAC's effectiveness;
- Provide input into National Vaccine Plan.